

## RAILROAD STATISTICS.

Figures Extracted from the Ninth Annual Report of the Commission.

Nearly 2,000 Enslaved Killed During the Year and Over 30,000 Injured—151 Roads in Hands of Receivers—Compensation of Employees.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The ninth statistical report of the interstate commerce commission for the year ended June 30, 1896, gives interesting information concerning the mileage, equipment, number of employees, capitalization and valuation, accidents and earnings and expenses of railways in the United States for the year named. One hundred and fifty-one roads, representing 30,475 miles of operated mileage, were in the hands of receivers on June 30, 1896, a decrease of 18 from the previous year. The capital stock represented by the railways controlled by receivers was \$742,597,698 and the funded debt was \$699,733,706. The total railway mileage on June 30, 1896, was 152,776, an increase of 2,119 for the year. Georgia was in the lead with 233 miles.

An interesting feature of the report is a summary showing the amount of compensation paid to the railway employees of the United States, numbering about 826,030. Their aggregate compensation amounted to over 60 per cent of the total operating expenses of all railways, a slight decrease from the preceding year. Much data on the capitalization and valuation of railway property is contained in the report.

Passengers carried during the year numbered 511,772,757, an increase of over 4,000,000 compared with the previous year, which, however, showed a decrease of 33,296,857, as compared with 1894.

Freight tonnage amounted to 765,891,383, the largest ever reported for railways in this country, and an increase of nearly 70,000,000. Gross earnings amounted to \$1,150,169,376, an increase of nearly \$75,000,000, resulting in a net increase of over \$33,000,000 larger than the previous year. Nearly 1,900 employees were killed and almost 50,000 injured during the year, an increase of 30 in those killed and over 4,000 in the number injured. One hundred and eighty-one passengers were killed and nearly 5,000 injured. The number of persons "other than employees and passengers" killed was 4,400 and those injured 5,845.

## CORRIGAN'S PLAN.

The Catholic Prelate Wants Public and Parochial Schools United.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—It is reported in high official circles that Archbishop Corrigan has been negotiating with Superintendent James of the public schools for the affiliation of the parochial and public schools. He has offered, it is alleged, to turn the Catholic schools, with their 70,000 children, over to the municipal school authorities, provided priests shall be permitted to give an hour's instruction each day to the Catholic children of public schools. No other stipulation either as to text-books or teachers is made. It is said that many other metropolitans are anxious to adopt a similar policy if it meets with the approval of the apostolic delegate.

## STARVING TO DEATH.

Men, Women and Children Dying for Want of Food in Havana.

HAVANA, Oct. 16.—Twenty-five persons, among them 12 women and five children, died Wednesday of hunger in Havana. They were all crowded into the place called Los Fosos, where the Spanish police huddle the pacifists who have been driven by the troops into the capital from the neighboring country. Many thousands are now starving to death in Los Fosos, and trustworthy persons say that since October 1 about 25 have died every day of hunger.

## KILLED HER BETRAYER.

Aggrieved Father Takes the Law into His Own Hands.

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 18.—Harry Hodgman, single, 36 years old, an accountant, was shot to death by John Willis, an ex-member of the Dallas police force. Willis gave himself up to the officers. To newspaper men Willis stated that Hodgman had taken his daughter to church last Sunday night, and that she confessed to her mother that he had wronged her, using force and persuasion to accomplish his purpose.

## CUBANS BUYING ARMS.

Agents of Insurgents Said to Have Spent \$225,000 in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 19.—Three Cuban patriots, direct from the scene of the terrible struggle on their island, have been in St. Louis for the past 14 days procuring and shipping ammunition for their compatriots. One of them is authority for the statement that they have purchased and forwarded to a Texas port \$225,000 worth of cartridges, dynamite, rifles, pistols and saddlery, intended for the insurgent army.

## A Victim of Bazing.

BOULDER, Col., Oct. 18.—DeKalb Wehlman, aged 17, a new student in Boulder university, was seriously injured by being tossed in a blanket by older students. Wehlman struck on the back of his head and shoulders with great force on the ground, paralyzing the upper part of his body. Physicians think he will live, but say he will have a serious curvature of the spine.

After Alleged Trust Companies.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 18.—Attorney General Crow has instituted proceedings in the supreme court to oust the trust companies doing business in St. Louis and to annul their charters, because of alleged violation of the provisions of their charters by doing a banking business.

Cores Declared an Empty.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The Korean legation received an official cable stating: "King proclaimed himself emperor from this date, October 15, 1897."

## MINT DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

The Operations of the Mint and Assay Office for the Fiscal Year 1897.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The director of the mint has submitted to the secretary of the treasury his report for the fiscal year 1897, covering the operations of the mints and assay office, together with statistics of foreign countries relative to production, coinage and the monetary condition of each. The value of gold deposited at the mints and assay offices during the fiscal year 1897, cents omitted, was \$129,105,500; of this amount \$87,003,337 were original deposits and \$42,102,162 redeposits. The coinage value of silver bullion received during the year was \$9,725,222; of this amount \$9,470,633 were original deposits and the remainder, \$254,589, redeposits. The purchases of silver bullion for subsidiary silver coinage, under the provisions of section 395, revised statutes of the United States, aggregated 259,248 fine ounces, costing \$171,453. The coin executed during the year was as follows: Gold, \$71,644,705; silver dollars, \$21,903,701; subsidiary silver, \$34,184,086; minor coins, \$984,509. The director of the mint, in his report, reviews the decline of silver since 1873 and attributes the decline to the great increase in production.

## MOST DIABOLICAL.

A Father Suspected of Having Murdered His Three-Year-Old Daughter.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 19.—The Journal says: "The body of the little girl which was cast into the Missouri river with a great stone bound upon its chest, and which was uncovered by the receding waters at the mouth of the Blue Sunday, revealing a most cruel and shocking murder, has been identified as that of Cecile Lavine. She was nearly three years old. The mother, Mrs. Lavine, is employed in this city. The father, who is suspected of the crime, lives some 15 miles up the Blue valley. He will be arrested if located by deputy marshals, who left for his home last night. They were also armed with warrants for the arrest of the grandmother and step-grandfather of the murdered child, with whom she was supposed by her mother to be safely housed. The murder was one of the most heartless and appalling crimes in the whole history of Jackson county. It was causeless and diabolical in its character. Yesterday's post-mortem shows that the little one was probably bound and thrown into the river alive."

## THE FEVER SPREADING.

Reports to the Surgeon General Not Favorable.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The yellow fever situation as reported to Surgeon General Lyman was not favorable, the disease having made its appearance at Baton Rouge, La., where there is one case, and at Montgomery, Ala., both of which places heretofore have been free from the disease. Dispatches from other places show new cases and deaths as follows: Mobile, Ala., 6 cases, 1 death; Scranton, 13 cases; Pascagoula, Miss., 2 cases; Edwards, 2 cases and 3 deaths; Cayuga, Miss., 3 cases, 1 death.

At New Orleans the 100 mark of deaths during the present yellow fever prevalence has been reached. When the board of health closed its books Sunday night there had been 93 fatal cases. Yesterday seven deaths were reported. This century of deaths has occurred as among less than 900 cases that have been reported to the board since early in September, when the first case made its appearance in New Orleans.

## AN AWFUL MASSACRE.

Rebels Put Over 1,000 People to Death in Kuang Yang, China.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 19.—The city of Kuang Yang, in Hunan province, has been captured and its inhabitants massacred by an army of rebel bandits, who sealed the walls of Kuang Yang with the intention of capturing the provincial prison and releasing three of their members there imprisoned. One band took down the prison, setting free several hundred murderers, thieves and imprisoned debtors. Another gang attacked the central part of the city and murdered the magistrate who had sent the three bandits to prison. His entire family, numbering 32, including servants, was killed. The number killed and injured exceeded 1,000. The insurgents numbered 15,000 men, half of them armed. Their avowed object is to destroy existing government in southern China.

## WEBSTER DAVIS' REPORT.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Gives Figures from His Office.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The annual report of Assistant Secretary of the Interior Webster Davis, after reviewing the leading pension cases decided during the present administration and the decisions liberalizing the adjudication of the claims, summarizes the work of appeals in pensions and bounty land cases during the last fiscal year as follows: Decisions sustaining the pension office, 3,084; reversing the pension office pending appeal, 327; appeals dismissed, 474; appeals pending on July 1, 1,742; of original appeals alone there were filed in July, 754; August, 489; September (and up to date), 884.

## Mrs. Langtry Is Thoughtful.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Mrs. Lily Langtry, owing to the death of her divorced husband, Edward Langtry, who died while confined in the asylum for the insane at Chester, has withdrawn from the present all her horses from the turf.

## Good Thing for Santa Fe Employees.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 19.—The books of Treasurer Wilder show that the Santa Fe Railroad company has paid out over \$1,000,000 so far this month to employees. This is the largest amount ever paid out by the company in the same period of time.

## Durrant's Fate Will Soon Be Settled.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The supreme court yesterday advanced the argument of the Durrant murder case brought here from San Francisco, and set it for hearing November 15.

## TELL HEARTRENDING STORIES.

Persons Rescued from a Sunk Spanish Steamer Arrive in Havana.

HAVANA, Oct. 18.—The gunboat Maria Christian, which left this port Saturday for the scene of the wreck of the coasting steamer, Triton, bound from Havana to Bahia Honda, Pinar del Rio, which sank between Dominica and Mariel, has returned with 43 members of the lost ship's company. The whereabouts of the others of the company is unknown. The Triton struck a rock during a heavy rainstorm. Her cargo shifted and 15 minutes later she sank in 120 fathoms of water. Those who were rescued tell heartrending stories of the scenes during the terrible quarter of an hour before the Triton sank. An army captain, his wife and daughter went down together, looked in a last embrace. A mother with twins 15 months old drifted helplessly away on the crest of a great wave. All the other ladies and children were drowned. Just as the Triton was sinking, Capt. Ricardo, her commander, committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. It is impossible to give the exact number of those who were lost, but it is estimated that they were no fewer than 150. No passenger list has been found.

## RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE.

Figures Taken from the Annual Report of the General Superintendent.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—An abstract of the annual report of the general superintendent of the railway mail service follows:

At the close of the year there were 1,164 railway post office lines, manned by 6,854 clerks; 33 electric and cable lines, with 102 clerks; 42 steamboat lines, with 87 clerks, making total number of lines 1,239, and total number of clerks 7,033. In addition to these, there were 311 clerks assigned to duty at important junctions and depots and 28 detailed to clerical duty in the various offices of the service, making a grand total of 7,362 clerks. The miles of railroad covered by railway post office car service was 194,225; of electric and cable, 33, and of steamboat lines, 7,459. There were 529 casualties during the year, in which 1,416 clerks lost their lives. Thirty-three were seriously and 75 slightly injured.

## A GEORGIA GIRL KILLED.

Mysteriously Murdered by Her Sweetheart While Out Driving.

MACON, Ga., Oct. 19.—A special from Albany, Ga., says: Near Faircloth, Mitchell county, yesterday afternoon, Miss Hurst, the beautiful 16-year-old daughter of Planter J. B. Hurst, was shot and killed with a pistol by her sweetheart, Mack Lewis. The bullet passed through the young lady's heart, killing her instantly. The whole country is in a fever of excitement. The young couple were out for a drive, and, according to Lewis' statement, stopped to practice pistol shooting at a target. In taking the cocked revolver from Lewis' hands it exploded. Both families are prominent.

## GEORGE M. PULLMAN DEAD.

The Noted Railway Magnate Expires Suddenly at His Chicago Home.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—George M. Pullman died suddenly of heart disease at five o'clock this morning. Mr. Pullman's death occurred in his magnificent brown stone home at the corner of Prairie avenue and Eighteenth street, where he resided for many years. He was found dead in bed.

Mr. Pullman retired last evening at his usual hour, which was somewhat early. He was apparently in his ordinary health and there was no indication of his demise, or indeed any premonition even of illness.

## One Hundred Thousand in Improvements.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 18.—The Rock Island railway will spend \$100,000 in improvements in Kansas and Colorado during the year 1898. Ten thousand dollars additional will be expended in Oklahoma and the Indian territory.

The improvements in Kansas and Colorado will consist of the construction of iron bridges to replace wooden structures.

## Pension List Still Grows.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—H. Clay Evans, commissioner of pensions, has transmitted his annual report to the secretary of the interior. It shows that there are now on the pension list, as a result of the late civil war, the names of 983,028 pensioners. This is an increase over last year of 13,000 names.

## Bryan's Gift to a School.

BENTON, Ill., Oct. 19.—Because of his mother's former connection with Ewing college, W. J. Bryan has made a gift of money to it, the principal to be invested and the income only used for a prize for the best essay on the science of government. It is to be called the Mary Elizabeth Bryan prize fund.

## One Peddler Kills Another.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Oct. 18.—Near Renfrow, Grant county, two traveling jewelry and spectacle peddlers, hailing from St. Louis or Chicago, quarreled over the division of the profits on the day's sales and one of them struck the other over the head with a piece of scantling, killing him.

## New York's Registration Big.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The complete registration of Greater New York is 508,568. In this city the total is 224,690, which is within 6,000 of the registration last year and 16,000 more than in the last mayoralty campaign.

## Another Heir for Robert Fitzsimmons.

RYE, N. Y., Oct. 16.—A boy was born to Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons, wife of the champion pugilist, Wednesday night. Mother and child doing well.

## NUGGETS OF NEWS.

Benjamin Rich, aged 19, was killed while playing football at Altoona, Pa. Ex-United States Senator A. S. Padock died at Beatrice, Neb., on the 16th.

Robbers stole the cash box of the Wells, Fargo Express company at Quincy, Cal., containing \$2,000 in gold.

The big fire at Windsor, N. S., Sunday was more disastrous than at first supposed. Only three buildings were left, and thousands of people were made homeless, many of them destitute. The loss will equal nearly \$2,000,000, with \$582,000 insurance.



The remedy for these conditions does not lie in cosmetics. Skin disease is caused by impurities in the blood, and by nervous disorders due to weakness and disease of the distinctly feminine organism. Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the greatest of all known blood-purifiers. It not only drives all impurities from the bloodstream, but fills it with the rich, life-giving elements of the food. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription acts directly on the delicate and important organs that bear the burdens of wifehood and motherhood. It makes them pure, strong, well and vigorous. A course of these two great medicines will transform a weak, sickly, nervous, despondent woman, who suffers from unsightly eruptions of the skin, into a healthy, happy, amiable companion, with a skin that is clear and wholesome. These medicines are made from herbs and roots, and contain no minerals of any description. They simply assist the natural processes of assimilation, secretion and excretion. Medicine dealers sell them.

It is a druggist's business to give you, not to tell you, what you want.

"About four years ago," writes Thomas Harris, of Wakefield Station, Sussex Co., Va., "my daughter Helen was afflicted with eczema in a distressing form. Dr. Pierce's medicines cured her after all other remedies had failed."

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Sheriff's Proclamation (First published October 15, 1897.)

of the time of holding a general election for county and township officers.

STATE OF KANSAS, ALLEN COUNTY, ss.

The State of Kansas to All whom these presents shall come, GREETING:

Know Ye that I, C. C. Auserman, Sheriff of Allen County, Kansas, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do by this proclamation give public notice that on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November, A. D. 1897, the same being the day thereof, there will be held a General Election, and the officers at that time to be chosen are as follows to-wit:

Clerk, Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Coroner, Surveyor, Commissioner Second District, Justice of the Peace, Townships, One Clerk in each township, One Treasurer in each township, Justices of Peace in townships where vacancies occur, Two Constables in each township, One Road Overseer in each road district.

And votes of electors for said officers will be received at the polls of each election district in said county.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand at my office at Iola in said county this 21st day of October, A. D. 1897.

C. C. AUSERMAN, Sheriff.

(First published October 15, 1897.)

Official Statement

Of the financial condition of the Bank of Allen county at Iola, State of Kansas, at the close of business on the 5th day of October, 1897.

Assets and liabilities on personal and collateral security, \$50,515 60

Real estate, 1,500 00

Furniture and fixtures, 300 00

Expense account, 287 25

Cash and eight exchange, 37,014 48

Total, \$111,535 33

Capital stock paid in, \$10,000 00

Surplus fund, 5,000 00

Interest, 286 75

Exchange, 36 16

Individual deposits, 78,719 98

Time certificates, 17,688 50

Total, \$111,535 33

STATE OF KANSAS, ss.

COUNTY OF ALLEN, ss.

I, Thos. H. Bowles, cashier of said bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that said bank has no liabilities of any character whatever not set forth in the above statement.

THOS. H. BOWLES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of October, 1897.

H. L. HENDERSON, Notary Public.

(Commission expires on the 29th day of March, 1899.)

Attest: GEO. A. BOWLER, J. L. HARTMAN, Owners.

## DEATH CLAIMS DANA.

The Veteran New York Editor Succumbs to a Lingerin Disease.

He Had Been Long at Death's Door and the End Was Not Unexpected—Some 'Ging About His Remarkable Public Career.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Death came to Charles A. Dana, last of the great editors, at 1:30 yesterday afternoon, at his summer home, Glen Cove, L. I. His death had been expected for several hours, and his family and physicians were at the bedside when the end came. His condition had been such for several months that the mem-



CHARLES A. DANA.

bers of his family had kept themselves in constant readiness to go to his bedside at any moment. The cause of Mr. Dana's death was cirrhosis of the liver.

On June 9 he was at his office, apparently strong and healthy. The next day he was taken ill, and he never afterward visited New York. He was 78 years of age.

## Sketch of His Life.

Charles Anderson Dana, journalist, was born at Hinsdale, N. H., August 8, 1819. His American ancestry is traced to Richard Dana, from whom Chief Justice Dana and the two Richard Henry Danas were descended and who is mentioned as early as 1683. When quite a boy Charles was sent to Buffalo, N. Y., where he was a clerk in a store until he was 18 years of age, by which time he had fitted himself for college. He entered Harvard in 1839, but a serious trouble with his sight temporarily disabled him and prevented his finishing the university course.

In 1847 he settled in New York, and was a member of the editorial staff of the New York Tribune from that time down to 1861, during a considerable portion of which he was its managing editor and the man most trusted by its eminent founder, Horace Greeley.

## Assistant Secretary of War.

On January 29, 1864, he was nominated as assistant secretary of war for one year. He was re-nominated January 23, 1865, rendering the principal part of his service for the war department under the above commissions and as assistant secretary by visiting the army headquarters of Rosecrans, Sheridan, Sherman and Grant, advising confidentially with the commanding officers, and corresponding freely with President Lincoln and Secretary Stanton. He resigned as assistant secretary July 1, 1865. In 1850 he had been to plan, compile and edit, with George Ripley, the "New American Cyclopaedia." The original edition was completed in 1853, and became the "American Cyclopaedia" between 1853 and 1875.

## Friend of Lincoln and Stanton.

For the value of Mr. Dana's services to the union cause during the war of secession it is but just to award to him the supreme commendation which is his due. With an intense zeal, equal to that of the great war secretary whose assistant he became, and yet, with clear vision and cool judgment, he gave himself unreservedly to the work for which he had been selected. He went to the front, wherever vital battles were to be fought, made himself welcome to every union commander; mastered every situation; gave helpful advice on the spot; and wrote letters to Stanton and Lincoln full of facts which they would not otherwise have known and of suggestions which were of the highest importance. If he had done nothing but his service in preventing the abandonment of Chattanooga by Rosecrans after the battle of Chickamauga he would deserve the gratitude of the nation. His letters undoubtedly caused the supersession of Rosecrans by Thomas, and the transfer of the command of the operations on the Tennessee to Grant, the conqueror of Vicksburg, in season to prevent Rosecrans from retreating and to make possible the decisive victories around Chattanooga.

## The Founding of the Sun.

At the close of the war he was invited to become the editor of a new paper in Chicago, the Republican, an invitation which he accepted. He stayed there only a short time, however, as the paper in question failed, owing to causes quite outside of his connection with it. He returned to New York and organized a company which purchased the Sun, at that time an old and moribund property. Its subsequent success has been continuous and remarkable. Mr. Dana issued the first number of the Sun under his editorial supervision January 27, 1868, as a democratic newspaper, and from that time it was an important factor in political journalism.

## A Free Lance Politically.

The Sun supported Mr. Tilden for the presidency and was bitter over the manner in which the election of 1876 terminated, always thereafter styling President R. B. Hayes in its columns the "Fraud President." In 1880, when Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock was the candidate of the democratic party for president Mr. Dana did not give the candidate his support, a most important contribution to the literature of that time being the statement in the columns of the Sun that the democratic candidate for president was "a good man and weighs 200 pounds." In the campaign of 1884 the Sun was pronounced in its opposition to Grover Cleveland, the democratic candidate. In 1888 the Sun was again hostile to Mr. Cleveland's candidacy, but in 1892 the Sun gave an enthusiastic support. When the democratic national convention in 1893 nominated Mr. Bryan on a free silver platform Mr. Dana and his paper virtually deserted the democratic party.

## GREAT BRITAIN SAYS NO.

Overtures of the United States for Bimetallism Conference Rejected.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The British cabinet has practically rejected the overtures of the United States for a monetary conference in the interest of bimetallism. The cabinet holds that the gold standard in the United Kingdom is unalterable and that the opening of the Indian mints is out of the question.

## Costly Wreck at Mexico, Mo.

MEXICO, Mo., Oct. 18.—A serious freight wreck occurred on the Chicago & Alton yesterday morning about one o'clock just east of this city. An extra going west and No. 73, of second division, had a head-on collision. A negro from Laddonia, Mo. Fourteen cars were ditched and two engines demolished. Considerable grain was spilled. Estimated loss, about \$20,000.

## Spain Is Not Bankrupt.

MADRID, Oct. 19.—The cabinet has promised Gen. Blanco all the money he may desire until the pacification of Cuba is achieved, as the government still has about \$4,000,000 sterling in hand, with power to raise more.

## MARKET REPORTS.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 19.—Cattle—Receipts since Saturday, 10,817; calves, 710; shipped Saturday, 2,003 cattle, 63 calves. The market was slow but generally steady. The following are representative sales:

TEXAS AND INDIAN STEERS.

No. Ave. Price No. Ave. Price  
25..... 994 2.61 45..... 968 2.55  
102..... 1,020 2.59 119..... 984 2.52  
101..... 975 2.59 5..... 911 2.51  
28..... 934 2.10 72..... 745 2.09

NATIVE HEIFERS.  
1..... 580 2.95  
1..... 590 3.01  
1..... 1,220 3.50  
3..... 523 2.80

NATIVE COWS.  
1..... 1,520 2.50  
1..... 1,174 3.31  
1..... 1